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Shiuan Koh

Serial No.: 09/362,394

Filed : July 28, 1999

For : DETECTION OF HUMAN HEPATITIS B VIRUS SURFACE
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ITS APPLICATION ON GENE CHIP

1185 Avenue of the Americas
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May 30, 2002

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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SIR:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Examiner mailed November 30, 2001 finally rejecting pending claims 19-68 in the above-identified application.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for Three-month Extension of Time. Accordingly this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) for filing a Notice of Appeal is THREE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$320.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed.

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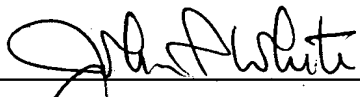
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No fee, other than the enclosed \$320.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Notice of Appeal. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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